

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2004 claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, and 29 are currently amended. Claims 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 are cancelled. In view of the following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-17, 20-24, 27-29 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Microsoft FrontPage in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,211,875 to Lin et al. ("Lin"). Claims 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, 30-31 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Microsoft FrontPage in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,211,875 to Lin et al. ("Lin") and the Examiner's Official Notice. Applicants traverse these rejections on the following grounds.

Independent claim 1 recites, among other things, "a frameset arrangement presentation object that simultaneously displays a plurality of predefined frameset arrangements" and "a frame number specification object that enables the user to specify a number of frames in the plurality of predefined frameset arrangements that are simultaneously displayed." At least these features are not taught or suggested by Microsoft FrontPage or Lin, either alone or in combination. The Examiner acknowledges that Microsoft FrontPage does not teach or suggest simultaneously displaying the plurality of predefined framesets (see Office Action, page 3). While the Examiner alleges that Microsoft FrontPage enables the user to specify the number of frames, Microsoft FrontPage is deficient because it discloses that after the user has selected a layout, the user may increase or decrease the number of frames (see pp. 310-311). However, Microsoft FrontPage also does not teach or suggest a frame number specification object that enables the user to specify a number of frames in the plurality of predefined frameset arrangements *that are simultaneously displayed*.

Lin does not remedy the deficiencies of Microsoft FrontPage. Lin appears to describe a method of selecting a display layout from several presented display templates (see Figure 1). However, Lin does not teach or suggest a frame number specification object enabling the user to select the number of frames in a display layout prior to selecting a layout. Furthermore, Lin does not teach or suggest a frame number specification object that enables the user to specify a number of frames in the plurality of predefined frameset arrangements *that are simultaneously displayed*.

Regarding dependent claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 19, 25, 26, 30, and 31, the Examiner has taken Official Notice that one of ordinary skill in the art having the teachings of Lin before him would find it obvious that the one icon of Lin could be a plurality of icons each representing each frameset the user selects. The Examiner also takes Official Notice with regard to claim 33 asserting it would have been obvious to have each frameset including one web document and one non-web document. Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's position regarding the Official Notice. Nonetheless, Applicant submits that the subject of the Official Notice fails to teach or suggest the deficiencies discussed above with respect to Microsoft FrontPage and Lin.

Since neither Microsoft FrontPage, Lin nor the Official Notice, alone or in combination with each other, teach or suggest the feature described above, claim 1 is patentable over the references. Independent claims 8, 15, 22, and 29 recite similar features. As such, claims 8, 15, 22, and 29 are also patentable over the cited references for the same reasons.


Claims 3-7, 10-14, 17-21, 24-28, and 31-33 depend from and add features to one of claims 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Thus, these depended claims are patentable over the cited references for the reasons described above.

Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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